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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

ABOUT TREES SUITABLE FOR CHOLISTAN DESERT

1. ABDUL RAHMAN MIAN, DIRECTOR LAHORE GROUNDWATER DRILLING FIRM BOREMASTER, HAS APPROACHED POST FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING TYPE TREES WHICH CAN GROW IN BRACKISH (1500 PARTS SALT PER MILLION) WATER AVAILABLE IN CHOLISTAN DESERT AREA OF SOUTHERN PUNJAB (SOIL IS SANDY CLAY). MIAN HAS BORED WELLS IN CHOLISTAN AT OWN RISK AND IS ANXIOUS TO GROW 50 ACRE TEST PLOT OF SOFTWOOD TREES TO PROVIDE PULP FOR NEWS-PRINT (FOR WHICH THERE CONSIDERABLE NEED PAKISTAN). REQUEST AGRICULTURE PROVIDE INFO ON FOLLOWING:

A. ARE THERE TREES SUITABLE FOR NEWSPRINT PRODUCTION WHICH GROW IN WATER WHICH 1500 PARTS PER MILLION SALT? IN PARTICULAR MIAN HAS ASKED WHETHER MULALEUCA TREE DESCRIBED NEWSWEEK OVERSEAS EDITION SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 PAGE 45 MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

B. WHERE ARE SEEDS/SAPLINGS FOR ANY APPROPRIATE TREES, ESPECIALLY MULALEUCA, AVAILABLE AND HOW MIGHT MIAN PURCHASE COMMERCIALY?

2. BECAUSE OF INTERESTING IMPLICATIONS OF THIS REQUEST

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FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT IS NOW TOTALLY BARREN

AREA IT WISHES BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST, EVEN
IF ONLY NEGATIVELY. IF PRACTICAL, WOULD APPRECIATE
REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 11.
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